

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 are pending. No claims are newly added, cancelled, or amended herewith.

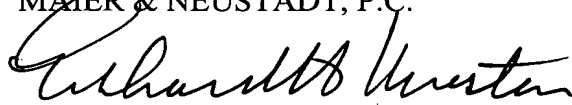
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-35 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-35 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,930. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer against U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,930. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is overcome.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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